

7 AUG 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

Robert W. Gambino Director of Security

SUBJECT:

Reproduction of SSCI Report Entitled "Covert Action in Angola: 1975-1976"

1. (U) Action Requested: None; for your information only.

2. (C) Background:

On 19 July 1978, Sen. Barry Goldwater, in a letter to the DCI, suggested that an effort be made to determine whether copies of the subject report were xeroxed and, if so, to identify the recipients of such copies. Sen. Goldwater's concern was prompted by an article in the New York Times written by Seymour Hersh which purports to deal with the Committee's report on Angola.

Records maintained by the Executive Registry indicate that Copy No. 1 of the SSCI report (TS-780059) was received on 18 May 1978. It consisted of a letter of transmittal addressed to the DCI which was signed by Senators Birch Bayh and Barry Goldwater and had a forty (40) page attachment. This single copy was forwarded to the OLC Registry on 18 May 1978 for action. OLC Registry records indicate that the ultimate recipient was

OLC Liaison. On 22 May 1978, three (3) Acrox copies were made of the report with distribution as follows: Copy 1.

Copy 3, On 23 May 1978, a fourth copy was made and forwarded to the Public Affairs Office for

Mr. Hetu. OLC records also note that on 20 July 1978

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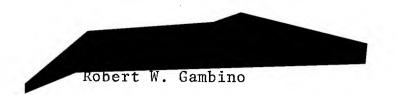
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a Series B reproduction was made from Copy 1, consisting only of pages 21-28. These pages were forwarded to Mr. Anthony Lapham to permit his review of certain legal questions raised in this portion of the report. This is the only record of reproduction available within the Agency.

The Office of Security has been advised that a draft response to Sen. Goldwater has been prepared by OLC for Admiral Turner's signature. That response addresses the matter of Agency reproduction of the SSCI report and notes that most of the employees who had access to the report did not see it until after Mr. Hersh had the story. The response also notes that the copy sent to the President was held by a senior staff member of the National Security Council pending resolution of the differences between the Committee and the Agency regarding the report. That copy was not xeroxed or otherwise disseminated to Ambassador Young or any others in the Administration.

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July 19, 1978

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Admiral Stansfield Turner, Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Stan:

We have shared the concern which you have voiced to our Committee on several occasions about leaks and thus were disappointed to see a story in the New York Times written by Seymour Hersh, which purports to deal with the Committee's report on Angola.

We have analyzed his story and find he has not made one correct statement about the content of the report, although someone did suggest the general idea of one point that was made.

Although the story does not appear to contain classified information, we were disappointed to see such extensive quotations attributed to members of our Committee and officials of the CIA.

I might point out, however, that we dealt with this issue for over a year without a single breach of security, but we began receiving questions about it from Mr. Hersh within hours from the time it was disseminated to the Executive Branch.

I have heard disturbing reports that the White House allowed fairly wide distribution, including a copy to Ambassador Young, who, reportedly, discussed it with many people.

In this regard, you might, if you can, try to find out if it was xeroxed and, if it was, who were the people who received it. I still think the White House staff is a constant source of leaks just as it has been through every administration I have lived with during these twenty-five years.

With best wishes,

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